

RE: Office of Protocol of Canada: Message to missions affected by road closures in downtown Ottawa // Bureau du protocole du Canada : Message aux missions affectées par les fermetures des routes au centre-ville d'Ottawa

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Date: Sun, 13 Feb 2022 14:59:48 +0000
Attachments: Office of Protocol of Canada : notice of demonstration in Ottawa (28-30 January) | Bureau du protocole du Canada: avis de manifestations à Ottawa (28-30 janvier) (41.98 kB); Office of Protocol of Canada : notice of demonstration in Ottawa (February 5-6, 2022) | Bureau du protocole du Canada: avis de manifestations à Ottawa (5-6 février 2022) (43.01 kB); Office of Protocol of Canada: Message to missions affected by road closures in downtown Ottawa // Bureau du protocole du Canada : Message aux missions affectées par les fermetures des routes au centre-ville d'Ottawa (47.62 kB)

Hello Sébastien,

From NGA's perspective with respect to s.38, there are no particular issues to raise. They were one of the first missions to get in touch with the RCMP before the convoy arrived in Ottawa.

With respect to the entire dip corps, XDC sent two messages informing the corps about the demonstrations (January 28 and February 4; attached) explaining that they should get in contact with the RCMP with respect to security concerns, as per the usual practice. A few missions have been in touch with the RCMP to inquire about the security situation and to seek guidance on how best to access their missions. s.38

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All missions can be accessed on foot. Missions that indicated to the RCMP that they needed to access their missions with a vehicle were given instructions by the RCMP and OPS on how to do so, subject to any safety/on-the-ground considerations.

On February 9, we sent a third message only to those missions with offices and/or HOM residences located in restricted/ blocked areas of the downtown corps (*including the US embassy*) reassuring them that the RCMP has no specific concerns for diplomatic missions and asking missions having any access problems to inform XDC. As far as I can tell in reviewing our diplomatic security email account, no mission has contacted us to indicate they have an access problem.

Best,

Yasemin

From: Beaulieu, Sebastien -NGA <Sebastien.Beaulieu@international.gc.ca>
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Most valuable and timely.
Thanks SOOO much Stewart.
Let me know Yasemin if you have anything to add. :)
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Le texte en français suit le texte en anglais – The text in French follows the text in English)

To the attention of :

Heads of Mission and Chargés d'affaires, a.i.
Heads of chancery and/or administration
Heads of security or security liaison officers

With reference to the Office of Protocol's messages of February 4, 2022, and January 28, 2022, regarding ongoing demonstrations in Ottawa, we are writing to those missions located in the immediate downtown area for whom access to mission premises may be affected by these events and the measures undertaken by police to respond to this situation.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has advised the Office of Protocol that it currently has no specific concerns for diplomatic missions in connection with this event from a protective policing perspective. Diplomatic missions can continue to rely on the RCMP to address protective policing concerns, and report any emergency or crime in progress to 911.

While this situation remains fluid, missions will likely have taken note of restrictions to all non-emergency vehicles in the area immediately around Parliament Hill in downtown Ottawa. At this time, sidewalk and pedestrian access remains open for those who live or work in this area.

The Office of Protocol continues to encourage missions to monitor police and media sources for the latest information regarding these events, and to advise staff to avoid unnecessary travel through the downtown, including working from home where possible.

While it is hoped that this will not be a prolonged situation, we also recognize that some critical mission functions cannot be put off indefinitely and may only be conducted from the mission itself.

In this regard, missions with personnel who are required to fulfill a critical function that cannot be completed working remotely and who cannot access their buildings through any other means than a personal vehicle may contact the Office of Protocol's Diplomatic Security Liaison Unit at [Irrelevant] to further discuss your concerns.

The Office of Protocol of Canada

À l'attention de:

Chefs de mission et chargés d'affaires, p. i.
Chefs de chancellerie et/ou d'administration
Chefs de la sécurité ou agents de liaison en matière de sécurité

En référence aux messages du Bureau de Protocole du 4 février 2022 et du 28 janvier 2022, concernant les manifestations à Ottawa, nous nous adressons aux missions en centre-ville qui sont affectées par ces événements et les mesures prises par les services policiers en réponse à la situation.

La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a avisé le Bureau du protocole qu'il n'y a pas d'inquiétude spécifique pour les missions diplomatiques liée à cet événement de la perspective de la police de protection. Les missions diplomatiques peuvent continuer à compter sur la GRC pour répondre aux concerns de la protection, et rapporter tout urgence ou crime en progrès au 911.

Alors que la situation reste fluide, les missions ont sans doute noté des restrictions aux véhicules près de la colline parlementaire et le centre-ville d'Ottawa. Les trottoirs et les passages piétonniers restent accessibles aux personnes qui y résident ou qui travaillent dans cette zone.

Le Bureau du protocole continue d'encourager les missions à suivre les sources d'information policières et des médias pour les dernières nouvelles concernant ces événements, et d'aviser votre personnel afin d'éviter des déplacements non essentiels en centre-ville et, si possible, de faire du télétravail. Bien qu'il est souhaité que la situation ne se prolonge pas, nous reconnaissons que les missions ont des fonctions critiques qui ne peuvent attendre indéfiniment, et qui ne peuvent se faire que dans les missions-même.

À cet égard, les missions avec du personnel qui ont une fonction critique et qui ne peut se faire en travaillant à distance, et qui ont besoin de l'usage d'un véhicule personnel afin d'accéder à leurs bureaux, sont priés de contacter l'unité de la sécurité diplomatique du Bureau du protocole à l'adresse suivante pour discuter de votre situation particulière:

[Irrelevant]

Le Bureau du protocole du Canada